

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie, on Tuesday 6th ult., at 11 a. m. Nine Ministers and two Elders being present. The principal items of business were as follows:—Mr. Rogers read a report of Committee appointed to arrange a Sabbath School Convention at Collingwood on September 16th. The following deliverance was adopted:

"In receiving the report of the Sabbath-School Convention held in Collingwood, we desire to express our high satisfaction with its success, with the lively interest taken in the proceedings by the delegates as well as by the Congregation in attendance, and further we desire to express our strong and earnest conviction that such conferences are well fitted to awaken among our people a deeper interest in the welfare of the young, to stir up the teachers to greater diligence and devotion in their work; and by the free interchange of thought to shed more light on what are the best methods for carrying on our Sabbath School work; and further we deem it desirable that a similar Convention be held during the coming year at such time and place as the Presbytery may appoint."

A call signed by 96 members and 61 adherents of the United Congregations of 1st and 2nd Tecumseth and Adjala, in favor of Mr. James McConnell, of the Presbytery of Louisiana, U. S., was laid on the table and sustained. The Clerk was directed to transmit the call to that Presbytery, and Commissioners were appointed to plead for the Presbytery. The salary promised is \$625 and a manse.

Permission was given to elect Elders in the newly organized Congregations of Adjala. Mr. Wm. Fraser was appointed to ordain them. A letter was read from Mr. Gilray, declining Wyckbridge and adjoining field as a sphere of missionary labour. Leave was granted to the Congregation of Barrie to sell a part of their property in that town.

A very interesting report was read by Mr. Gray, the Moderator, of a visit to the Mission Stations at Waubesa, Port Severn, and Sturgeon Bay, during which he had, according to instructions, organized the Congregation, and dispensed the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. The report was received, and the cordial thanks of the Presbytery tendered to Mr. Gray. Further the Court adopted the first and second recommendations of the report, and in reference to the third, resolved, "That this Presbytery desire to express their high appreciation of the unwearied and successful labors of the Students' Missionary Society within our bounds, and we do hereby tender to the Society our sincere thanks for all their endeavors to extend the boundaries of the Lord's Vineyard in our new territories. Further we do respectfully and earnestly request them to continue their labors as during the past years."

Mr. Marples, now laboring in Muskoka, having applied for leave of absence for the purpose of collecting money towards Church building, received liberty to leave the field for a period not exceeding four weeks. He was also counselled not to become involved in pecuniary obligations on account of Church-erecting; and directed to present to the Court statement of moneys received and disbursed on that account.

The Clerk reported that a large supply of Bibles and Testaments had arrived from the National Bible Society of Scotland, for the use of Congregations in the bounds, and were ready for distribution according to the requirements of the Congregations.

Mr. Luke G. Henderson was appointed Missionary to the Congregations of Duntroon and Nottawa until April 1st, 1874, in compliance with the petition of the Congregations.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met at Dundas, on the 5th November, to induct Rev. John Laing into the pastoral charge of Knox Church there, and to do other business. Mr. McLeod, of Ancaster, according to previous appointment, preached and presided. Mr. Fraser, of Thorold, addressed the newly inducted Minister, and Mr. McCall, of Hamilton, addressed the congregation. Mr. Laing was cordially welcomed by the people of